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Hongkong, Oct. 2, 1912.

ARMY CANTEN CASE.

Allegations Against a Colonel.

The charges of bribery against eight
Army officers and the eight civilians who
were in the employment of Liptons
(Limited), in respect of certain Army
canteen contracts, again occupied the
attention of Sir John Dickinson at Bow-
street Police Court on Jan. 24, when Mr.
R. D. Muir, leading counsel for the pro-
secution, resumed and concluded his
recital of the facts on which the charges
are based.

At the previous hearing Mr. Muir
stated that inquiries were still proceed-
ing, and he now informed the magistrate
that, as a result of this further investi-
gation, summons had been issued against
but not yet served upon, Lieutenant-
Colonel and Major-General Whitaker
and James Ross, Colonel Whitaker,
counsel explained, was now retired, but
between October, 1902, and March, 1905,
he was colonel in command of the 2nd
Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry at
Malta, where at that time Ross was
manager for the firm of Liptons (Limited).

The charges against these two persons
are based largely on a letter, dated
October 18, 1905, which Mr. Muir read,
from Ross to Muir, one of the defend-
ants, and formerly head of Lipton's naval
and military department. Ross in the
course of the letter wrote:—

Colonel Whitaker writes to me to-day
for his six-monthly cheque, stating
that, as he wishes the matter kept as
private as possible, he would like me
to send a cheque as before. This I
have done to-day, £150 by National
Bank of Scotland cheque.

The banking accounts of Colonel Whit-
aker and Ross had both been inspected
under an order of the Court, and "both
these," counsel said, "tended to show
that the statement made in the letter
that Colonel Whitaker was in receipt of
a six-monthly cheque from Messrs. Lip-
tons through Ross was true."

SANCTIONING THE BRIBES.

A general observation by Mr. Muir
preceded a detailed statement of the facts
as they affect the civilians charged. The
financial circumstances of the military
defendants, he said, were not such as to
place them above the reach of such
temptations as had been systematically
held out to them by wealthy friends, and
the result of the system was that two
classes of honourable men were charged
with criminal offences. Who were the
persons, he asked, primarily responsible
for this lamentable state of things? The
answer, he submitted, was that it was
the masters who had compelled their
servants to the acts which were charged
against the civilian subordinates and who
had tempted brave and distinguished
men to sell their honour. These masters,
counsel contended, were Minto and Can-
field, who had sanctioned these bribes
in order that the firm whose business
they were controlling should thereby
make additional profits.

A YEAR'S PAYMENTS.

In the course of his statement of the
case against Constable Mr. Muir read a
letter, dated November 19, 1909, from
Mr. Sawyer to that defendant contain-
ing a memorandum "giving a complete
list of bribes paid in England by various
inspectors in Messrs. Lipton's employ-
ment." The total amount was £2687.
Mr. Sawyer mentioned in his letter that
for August, September, and October he
had actually paid £2000 10s., "or, say,
at the rate of £2000 a year." He added:
"Additional payments are necessary
for introducing margarine. Our competi-
tors are most active, both in England
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The witnesses having been examined,
the hearing was adjourned.

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Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1914.

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THE INDIAN PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Lord Amthill, speaking on the 28th at the United Empire Club on the Indian problem in South Africa, said that it was one of vital importance to the Empire.

This question was not one of a mere strike for the abolition of a 25 poll tax in Natal. The real origin of the controversy was to be found in the year 1858, when the memorable proclamation of Queen Victoria to the people of India established for them the charter of their rights and their liberties. The Indians of South Africa were not agitating for votes or for equal political rights with the white inhabitants of South Africa, but were only asking for that which had been actually promised to them, not only by the British Government but by successive Governments in South Africa. If British subjects were ill-treated in a foreign country we should demand that their wrongs were righted and would enforce that demand with Dardnought and troops, and we should certainly prevent one of our own partners from doing irreparable damage to the Imperial crown. It had been urged that the solution was to be found in deporting the Indians and helping them to colonize elsewhere, but the Indians in South Africa did not want to go, and they had every right to stay there. They had more rights than some of the emigrants who had received an unimpaired welcome there. The colony of Natal would have been impossible without Indian labour in the fields and in the mines.

With regard to the present situation, after 12 years of persistent appeal, patient endurance of suffering, passive resistance, and heroic self-sacrifice and repeated disappointed hopes, an arrangement was made between the Union Government and Mr. Ghandi, the high-minded leader of the Indian community, and if the Union Government had faithfully carried out their part of the agreement the trouble would have been at an end, but they did not do so. It was agreed (1) that legislation should be passed in the following Session repealing the obnoxious Act of 1907; (2) that there should be no racial bar in any future legislation; (3) that existing rights should be maintained; and (4) that there should be an amnesty for passive resistance. The promised legislation was not passed last year, and then it did not fulfil the two essential conditions of the compact.

Removal of the racial bar and maintenance of existing rights. The Immigrants' Regulation Act, moreover, prejudiced the rights of Indians and brought about no grievance in failing to recognize the validity of marriages between Hindus and Mahomedans. The poll tax was of ways oppressive, and it was promised that it should be repealed. That tax was required simply as an instrument where with to drive back the coolies into indenture. He reminded them of the public spirit displayed by the Indians when they refrained from taking part in the strike which took place on the Rand some time ago. If there were much delay in the settlement of the question they might well be a dangerous agitation in India which would be fraught with the gravest peril. The South Africans were a virile race and had a virile way of managing affairs as we had seen during the past few days. What they wanted was straight talk from the Imperial Government. The people of this country had not the faintest idea what this question meant to them nor how completely it was within their right that it should be settled with justice, and immediately.

India, from every point of view, was worth more to us than South Africa, and if it were a choice between offending India and offending South Africa there could be no shadow of doubt which alternative should be chosen; but there was no need to offend either if wiser and fairer counsels at last prevailed. The real enemies of the Indians in South Africa were not, for the most part, Englishmen or Boers, but the cosmopolitan

class of aliens of whom we had some knowledge even in the heart of this great metropolis—people who repaid the protection and excessive hospitality they enjoyed under the British flag by bringing discredit upon the British name. It only required a little statesmanship to bring about a just settlement of this vital problem of Empire. (Cheers.)

"NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN."

There is really nothing new under the sun, and the editor of a Greek medical review published in Constantinople reminds us that all the views which are being aired at the present time under the name of Eugenics were familiar to his fellow-countrymen centuries ago, and that the men of ancient Athens were prepared to adopt more strenuous measures than anyone would venture to advocate to-day to enhance the physical well-being of the race and to prevent degeneration. In Crete the handsome and most robust members of each sex were compelled to intermarry, and great care was taken, there and elsewhere, to prevent marriages which were likely to lead to deterioration of the race. A heavy fine was imposed upon Archidamus, king of Sparta, because he had taken to wife a woman of short stature and so incurred the risk of giving Sparta "kinglings in place of kings." We have the authority of Plutarch for the statement that intense rivalry were found on inspection to be "deformed, misshapen, or lean of pale" were thrown into a deep pit of water which was commonly called Apotheta. Plato in his "Laws" says that the State alone should regulate marriage, solely for the general good of the nation, and Aristotle agrees with him. Although not exactly unanimous as to the proper age for marriage, all the Greek authors condemn unions between parties either too young or too old.

THE PEARL NECKLACE CASE.

Claim by the Underwriters.

At Bow-street Police Court on the 23rd ult., before Mr. Graham Campbell, the Commissioner of Police (represented by Detective-sergeant Fyfe) was summoned to show cause why he should not deliver to Mr. Montague Evans, acting on behalf of the underwriters at Lloyd's, the following bank notes, found in the possession of some of the defendants and produced by certain witnesses in the recent trial concerning the theft of the pearl necklace, valued at £117,000, belonging to Mr. Max Mayer:—

Thirty-two 45 notes, seven £10 notes, and two £50 notes found on the prisoner Lookett; eight 1,000l. French notes, and four 25 notes found on the prisoner Silverman; four 25 notes found on Daniel McCarthy, who was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the theft and afterwards discharged by the magistrate; two £20 notes produced by Mr. Edward Barry, a witness; and five 25 notes produced by Mr. Quadrstein, another witness.

Mr. O'Brien said that so far as Silverman was concerned there was no doubt that the notes which formed the subject of the application were notes that were handed to him by Mr. Spaulter, but he submitted that the money was a voluntary payment and formed no part of the proceeds of any stolen property. The summons was adjourned.

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COMPANY REPORT.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders of this Company, at the seventeenth ordinary general meeting, states:-

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 31st December 1913.

The gross earnings for the past year amount to \$130,111.77 and after deducting interest paid and all expenses, remuneration to General Managers, Consulting Committee's and Auditors' fees, and adding forfeited dividends \$2,566.20 and the balance of \$2,774.55 brought forward from last year's account, there remains a sum of \$98,392.70 which it is recommended be appropriated as follows, viz:-

To place to reserve fund..... \$5,000.00
To pay a dividend of 7 per cent. or 70 cents per share..... \$7,500.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account..... 5,892.70

Investment.-The Investment in Cement Co.'s shares has been written up to \$3.00 per share, and the resulting appreciation (\$10,000.00) transferred to Reserve Fund.

Consulting Committee.-In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. H. P. White, S. H. Dodwell and U. P. On return, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.-The accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and F. Matland the latter acting in place of Mr. W. H. Potts. Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and F. Matland are recommended for re-election.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1914.

Accounts for the Year 1913.

| PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. | |
|--|--------------|
| Consulting Committee's fees..... | \$3,000.00 |
| Auditors' fees..... | \$300.00 |
| Charges..... | \$,983.01 |
| Depreciation on Undrawn furniture for year 1913..... | 100.00 |
| Balance..... | \$8,332.70 |
| | \$108,715.77 |

Balance carried forward from last year..... \$2,774.55

Interest received, savings, etc..... \$136,111.77

Less Interest paid, Commissions, etc..... \$2,705.75

Unclaimed Dividends prior to 1910 forfeited..... 2,566.20

Balance..... \$108,715.77

BALANCE SHEET.

Capital authorized..... 200,000 shares at \$10 equal \$2,000,000.00

Issued..... 125,000 shares at \$10 each \$1,250,000.00

Reserve Fund..... \$4,000.00

Sundry Creditors..... 37,294.02

Balance of Profit and Loss Account..... \$8,332.70

..... \$1,450,227.72

Loans on Provident System \$106,402.07

Loans on Mortgage System, etc..... 503,807.07

Block of Main Godowns, etc., at West Point 856,035.56

Less mortgages 220,000.00

..... 636,035.56

Godown Furniture 1,600.00

Less depreciation 100.00

..... 1,500.00

Investment..... 50,600.00

Proportion of premium on unexpired policies..... 961.77

Sundry Debtors..... 47,443.85

Cash with Company's bankers..... 103,782.84

Cash:-
At Godown..... 200.00

In hand..... 93.02

..... \$1,450,227.72

H. P. WHITE,) Members of Consulting Committee.
STANLEY H. DODWELL,)
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We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and

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holders of the company and that in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs at the 31st December, 1913, according to the best of our information, and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the company. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We have seen all the securities.

A. O'D. GOURDIN & F. MATLAND,
Auditors.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1914.

POPE AND THE TANGO.

Reported Sanction.

PARIS, Jan. 27.

The Pope has, as you know, reinstated the tango, condemned a few days ago by the Vatican. The Pope, says the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." The Roman correspondent of the "Times" explains to-night how the ban came to be raised. Several people at the Vatican had been asked by the Pope their opinion of the morality of the dance. They assured his Holiness that the tango was not and could not be an immoral dance, it for nothing else because of its complications. So one who danced it, they said, had time to think of anything beyond or beside the proximate step.

The Pope was impressed by this argument, and, wishing to judge for himself, received in private audience two youthful members of the "black" aristocracy, the young Prince X. and his cousin, Donna Y. Humming the melancholy Argentine music-the Pope did not go so far as to import a Tango orchestra into the Vatican-the young couple, suitably impressed by the solemnity of the occasion, went through the complex evolutions of the dance.

The dance ended, and there was a moment's silence.

"And so this is the tango?" finally said his Holiness in rather surprised tones, for he had noticed the strained expressions and corrugated form of the youthful couple.

"Yes," answered the dancers, and waited for an expression of the Papal displeasure. But the outburst did not come. Instead, his eyes twinkling, the Pope remarked, "Well, my dear children, you take your amusements very sadly." And that was all. The ban was raised, and the Tango can now be danced with the Papal benediction-pay, more, with the Papal commiseration. The only proviso is that its name-judged unbecoming-shall be changed. But before the two dancers received the Papal Nunc Dimitis, Pius X. said to them in the same tone of gentle irony, "I quite understand that you should like dancing. It is only natural that at your age you should. The dance has always existed, and always will exist. But why do you not, instead of taking up these ridiculous contortions of negroes and barbarians, adopt the graceful Venetian dance that I used to watch in my youth-the Furlana."

And then, answering the blank look in the faces of the two young people, "What?" asked the Pope, "is it possible you do not know the Furlana?" And with that his Holiness sent for one of his Venetian servants and asked him to instruct the Tangos in the graceful measures of the "Furlana." When Prince X. and Donna Y. left the Vatican an hour later they had already mastered the new dance, which they lost no time in teaching to the salons they frequented.

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THE WRECKED SUBMARINE 'A 7'.

Efforts to haul submarine A 7 from the sand in which she is embedded in Whitland Bay have up to the present proved unsuccessful. Bad weather made work impossible during the early days of the week, says the "Times Weekly" of the 30th ult. On Wednesday the salvage craft went out early in the morning with the tugs Alliance and Firm, the destroyer Walf, and torpedo-boat 108. Both the tugs were used in an attempt to pull the sunken vessel free, but the operations were checked by the heavy rollers from the submerged vessel. Divers who were again sent down found that the hauling had had no apparent effect on the submarine, which seemed as firmly embedded as before.

Another attempt to haul the submarine free was made in the afternoon. According to the official report of what took place, a 5-in. hawser was shackled to an eye plate at the forward end of the superstructure, and the battleship Exmouth was used for towing. The eye plate fractured. Divers went down, and they reported that there was no change in the position of the submarine, but that a fractured plate had started.

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Shanghai, July 22, 1913.

mortgaged, and it is hoped that one million odd dollars may be raised on this. By means of this policy it is hoped that a sum not less than that required may be realized. This sum it is intended to place at the disposal of the committee, who shall endeavour to administer affairs so that things may be brought into a more hopeful condition. In addition to this, wealthy men are to be asked to lend money to Government on very advantageous terms. It is urged that money may be lent at once, though the time allowed is divided into three periods. First within a month, then within three months, and also within five months. Those who lend to the Government immediately, may pay in notes which at present are worth something less than sixty cents and, at the end of the year, they shall be repaid in silver, receiving ninety cents to the dollar. The second class is to be repaid at the end of two years and shall receive ninety-eight cents. At the end of the third year, the third class is to receive a full dollar silver for their dollar notes. In addition to this, interest shall be paid at the rate of five per cent per annum. The rate of interest is certainly very high for those who advance money at once, for each will receive at the end of one year ninety cents for paper, which at present is said to be worth something less than sixty cents. Whether the moneyed classes will be allured by this bait must be left in uncertainty for the present. In addition to all this, it has been decided at last to re-license the brothels of the city and suburbs. For two years, theoretically at least, these houses of ill-fame have been closed and a strong current of public opinion has been dead against their being reopened. But it seems that at last the moralists have given way against the pressure of the section that maintains that the necessities of the hour will and must condone the legalizing of this traffic. The new rules and regulations, as far as we have studied them, are carefully drawn up, and one point is worthy of notice. No revelry of any kind is to be allowed after one o'clock in the morning. As far as we are member, in the past the noise and clamour of gong and fiddle proceeded throughout the night, and no-one was able to interfere. This apparently is to be curtailed and shut down at the hour mentioned. It is thought that when the arrangements are complete and the tenders are in (for it will be as previously farmed out to those who will undertake the collection of that about seven or eight hundred thousand dollars may be yearly secured by this monopoly.

These, then, are the sources of revenue to be placed in the hands of this committee, who, however, have to inform the Governor-General of each step they are taking to mend the present monetary confusion. All the notes that are bought in by the money at the disposal of the Committee are to be destroyed, by which means it is hoped that they will gradually be lessened till those remaining will in time assume their face value. What success may be hoped for only specialists can foresee. It is certain that notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made in the past—and much has been said, if not done—that these precious notes have gradually declined till to-day they stand at a lower figure than at any previous time. We should say that nothing will effectively clear away the confusion but a big foreign loan, by which they would at once be redeemed, called in, and destroyed. But such a drastic course will meet with many opponents, and it is hardly likely to be supported enthusiastically by any section of the people.

The Falls Line steamer Falls of Orchy, of Glasgow, has been sold to Far Eastern buyers. She was built by Messrs. Napier, Miller, Ltd., in 1907, with dimensions 405ft. by 52.8ft. by 27.5ft., and registers 4,004 tons gross and 3,130 tons net.

The advent of a new comet which may rival in brilliance the famous Halley's Comet is anxiously awaited by astronomical observers at Greenwich Observatory. This fact was revealed by the Rev. R. Ferrers, formerly of the Royal Observatory, and Chief Assistant in the Naval Government Observatory, Durban, in the course of a lecture delivered on January 28 in London on "A Day and a Night in the Royal Observatory." The new comet, the lecturer said, may possibly become a very bright object within a few months.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We must apologise to subscribers and readers of the "Overland China Mail" for being unable, through the mistake on the part of the maker of our half-tone block, to publish pictures of the Derby and the Champion's winners, as stated in yesterday's issue. The pictures will appear in Monday's issue of the "China Mail."

The new 10,000-ton steamer building on the Clyde for the Knight Line, of Liverpool, is reported to have been sold to the Hamburg-America Line.

The Rev. N. C. Pope will conduct the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

Up to last night the first prize of \$11,000 in the cash sweepstake on the Champion race had not been claimed. The number of the winning ticket was 913.

Entrusted by his master with \$300 worth of gold to take to a manufacturing jeweller's workshop a goldsmith's fork disappeared with the metal, and the police are now searching for him.

In connection with the assault and robbery of Mr. Goodwin and a lady at Kowloon, we learn that the police have made several arrests. There was a parade of the regiment this week and the men were picked out on suspicion.

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THE HONGKONG RACES.

THE OFF DAY.

The finest weather of the week was reserved for the off-day, and the brilliant sunshine tempted out a fairly big crowd. The number on the enclosure was not large when the bell went for the first of the three races on the card, but the early hour elapsed with fifth time and it was not until after two o'clock that the gathering of spectators began to assume large proportions.

H.E. the Governor, Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., was an early arrival, and was received by Mr. T. F. Hoogh, Clerk of the Course, and other Jockey Club officials. Lady May and the Misses May were also in the Government House box.

There were originally only eight events on the card, but owing to the large number of entries, and the impossibility of bringing together on equal terms in the Hongkong Handicap, the Stewards decided to split it into two divisions, thus bringing the number of races up to nine. The programme opened at 1.30 with the Hay and Corn Stakes. The events were further added to by a match, run after the fourth race, between Mr. D. Stroyer's Flotilla (Mr. Collis Brown) and Mr. H. P. White's Blis (Mr. Jervois).

The special officials for this event were: Starter, Mr. F. H. Thomas; Judge, Mr. J. Summerville Dolan; timekeeper, Mr. A. E. Reynolds; clerk of the scales, Mr. G. Friesland; and stakeholder, Mr. Men and Hong Cheong.

The band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry again played a splendid programme of popular selections, under Bandmaster Robert's baton.

1.—THE "HAY AND CORN" STAKES.—Winner \$300; second \$100; third \$50. For all subscription griffins that have run at this meeting and not won a race. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Unplaced runners allowed 5lb. Half a mile.

Mr. Brutton's Brynpton, 10st 9lb (Brutton) 1
Mr. S. D'Almeida's Victorioso, 10st 11lb (H. Gegg) 2
Mr. Apear's Turquoise, 9st 12lb (S. A. Gegg) 3
Mr. H. P. White's Defford, 10st 10lb (Jervois) 4

Mr. Kenlow's Dunin, 10st 10lb (Hickman) 0
Mr. Roelrick's Mystery, 10st 8lb (Clarke) 0
Mr. E. Kadoorie's Balk in Chief, 10st 8lb (H. Gegg) 0
Mr. Billard's Fluke, 9st 13lb (Hasting) 0
Mr. Wayfong's Slacker, 10st 9lb (Sedgwick) 0
Mr. R. D. Harvey's Somerset, 11st 2lb (Edye) 0

Mr. J. H. T. McMurtrie's Flitchers, 10st 4lb (Green) 0
Dr. Forsyth's The Gull, 10st 10lb (Pope) 0

Parimutuel: Dividend, \$97.
Placed ponies: 1st, \$95.00; 2nd, \$12.50; 3rd, \$45.00.
Cash sweeps: Ticket No. 84, \$463.10; No. 250, \$246.60; No. 123, \$123.30.

Somerset and Defford ran away going up to the start and resisted all efforts to pull them up. Somerset with his jockey riding without spurs went round the course twice and Defford was caught by the judges box on his third trip. After this incident the ponies got away well, Brynpton leading from Victorioso, who passed into first place at the Rock. Flitchers brought up the rear. Victorioso increased his lead down the incline, and was a fine struggle between these two, Brynpton winning by a head. Turquoise placed third place by a neck. Time, 1min. 1 1/2 sec.

2.—THE "ALL OUT" STAKES.—Winner \$300; second \$100; third \$50. For all China ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race. Unplaced ponies and bona fide griffins on date of entry allowed 5lb. Subscription griffins of this season allowed 10lb. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7lb. Allowances not accumulative. Off-day winner barred. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. T. F. Hoogh's Red Cloud, 10st 13lb (Jervois) 1
Mr. E. Kadoorie's Durbar Chief, 10st 10lb (H. Gegg) 2
Mr. E. Kadoorie's Roman Chief, 10st 13lb (Hickman) 3
Mr. H. P. White's Cleric, 10st 8lb (Collis Brown) 0
Mr. Norman's Pak Kwei, 10st 6lb (H. Gegg) 0
Father O'Flying Kangaroo, 10st 10lb (Green) 0
Dr. Forsyth's Robin Hood, 10st 8lb (Clarke) 0

Parimutuel: Winner \$130.00.
Placed ponies: 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$6.70; 3rd, \$7.00.
Cash sweeps: Ticket No. 40, \$1,754.55; No. 42, \$301.80; No. 43, \$250.65.

A bold effort was made by Cleric securing a favourable lead. Flying Kangaroo was second and Red Cloud third whilst the new position was held by Roman Chief. Nearing the Rock, Roman Chief got ahead and down the incline Red Cloud assumed first place. Durbar Chief came up strong and got into third place at the village bend. Red Cloud led by a length from Durbar Chief, his stable companion coming up into fourth place on the outside. Robin Hood led in the home straight on the rails being challenged by Durbar Chief and Roman Chief riding hard on the outside. The race home was over the back straight.

Match between Mr. D. Stroyer's Flotilla and Mr. H. P. White's Blis. Five furlongs.—Mr. H. P. White's Blis, 10st 10lb (Jervois) 1
Mr. D. Stroyer's Flotilla, 10st 4lb (Collis Brown) 2

A good race. Blis led by a length to the village, where Flotilla drew alongside. The ponies raced neck and neck down the home straight, Blis securing the verdict by a head on the post. The time, 1 min. 13 sec, was queried by the timekeeper, Mr. A. E. Reynolds.

3.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—CLASS "A."—Winner \$750; second \$250; third \$125. One mile and a quarter.—Mr. T. F. Hoogh's Snowdrop, 10st 17lb (Jervois) 1
Mr. E. Kadoorie's Fijian Chief, 11st 0lb (H. Gegg) 2
Sir Paul's Sunlight, 11st 2lb (Knoll) 3
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Borneo Chief, 10st 12lb (Hickman) 0

Parimutuel: Winner \$17.90. Placed ponies: 1st, \$7.50; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$3.00. Cash sweeps: Ticket No. 51, \$720; No. 304, \$360.

At the start Fijian Chief led from Sunlight, Snowdrop being in third position. Snowdrop got next the leader at the village and, passing the post, Sunlight and Snowdrop were in partnership behind the Chief. At the goal stand Snowdrop got a length's lead from Fijian Chief and Sunlight, increasing his pace draw level with the second pony. At the Rock Snowdrop was still ahead with Borneo Chief second, Fijian third and Sunlight fourth. Snowdrop at one time fell to third place down the home straight, but nearing the post passed Fijian Chief and won by a head, Sunlight being a length behind the second pony. Time, 3min. 41 1/2 sec.

4.—THE HONGKONG HANDICAP.—CLASS "B."—Winner \$750; second \$250; third \$125. One mile and a quarter.—Mr. T. F. Hoogh's Snowdrop, 10st 17lb (Jervois) 1
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to the turf. Red Cloud won in a common canter by four lengths, Durbar Chief beating his companion Roman Chief for second place by six lengths. Time, 1min. 32 1/2 sec.

3.—THE "LUCKY" STAKES.—Winner \$400; second \$100; third \$50. For subscription griffins of this season that have run at this meeting and not won a race. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7lb. Off-day winners barred. One mile.

Messrs. Fitzwilliams' Gillywyn, 10st 14lb (Sedgwick) 1
Mr. Norman's Brown Boy, 10st 10lb (H. Gegg) 2
Mr. W. R. Richardson's Rosario, 10st 10lb (Hickman) 3
Maj. F. Dickinson's Chalant, 10st 8lb (Collis Brown) 0
Mr. Hastings' Wincombe, 10st 2lb (Owen) 0
Mr. L. D'Almeida's Triumphoso, 10st 10lb (H. Gegg) 0

Parimutuel: Dividend \$22.50.
Placed ponies: 1st, \$3.70; 2nd, \$3.70; 3rd, \$3.30.
Cash sweeps: Ticket No. 277, \$2,283.75; No. 176, \$652.50; No. 316, \$326.25.

From a good start Triumphoso was first past the post, with Rosario Gillywyn and Chalant following in the order named. Brown Boy being at the end of the tail. Rosario had come up into second place by the football stand, Gillywyn being half a length behind, and the same order held good to Bowrington gate. Facing the incline Gillywyn led by half a length from Rosario, but Brown Boy was making up a lot of ground, and at the Rock had displaced Mr. Richardson's pony. Gillywyn and Brown Boy contested first place down the straight, but by the post Gillywyn seemed to relax his efforts and Chalant, going strongly, kept his head in front. Rosario went off a lot and was three lengths behind.

4.—THE TYTEAM HANDICAP.—Winner \$750; second \$250; third \$125. For China ponies, griffins on date of entry, purchase at a public auction of unfriended griffins. Once round.—Mr. Stable's Mallard, 10st 10lb (Jervois) 1
Mr. Gilpin's Sir Galahad, 11st 3lb (Knoll) 2
Mr. Norman's Sol Kwei, 11st 11lb (H. Gegg) 3
Mr. Stabb's Woodcock, 10st 9lb (Pope) 0
Mr. Apear's Amber, 10st 0lb (S. A. Gegg) 0

Parimutuel: Winner \$23.50.
Placed ponies: 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$5.80; 3rd, \$5.80.
Cash sweeps: Ticket No. 560, \$2,620; No. 213, \$720; No. 471, \$390.

From a level start Amber took the lead, Mallard second and Sol Kwei third. At the Goal Stand Amber had a length's lead from Sir Galahad, Sol Kwei displacing Mallard in third place. Woodcock held the rear. The field spread out at Bowrington Gate Amber still leading by a length. The same distance separated the rest. At the bottom of the incline the distances were the same with a wider margin between Sir Galahad and Sol Kwei. At the Rock Amber was losing slightly his advantage. Sir Galahad drawing nearer, and Mallard reducing his distance from the leaders. Sol Kwei was given the rein at the village bend overhauling the leader and led by a neck from Sir Galahad. Mallard got into third place. The leaders raced neck and neck round the bend. Mallard was hard ridden on the rails and gradually overhauled the leaders as passed both at the mile post. He was ridden hard for first place with Sir Galahad and won by a length and a half from Sir Galahad. Sol Kwei third was three lengths behind. Time, 1min. 54 1/2 sec.

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Dr. Forsyth's The Gull, 10st 10lb (Pope) 3

Parimutuel: Winner \$28.80.
Placed ponies: 1st, \$10.80; 2nd, \$25.40; 3rd, \$48.70.
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Mr. Drulton's Sevington, 10st 5lb (H. Gegg) 1
Mr. Meland's Gaudy Hop, 10st 8lb (Clarke) 2
Mr. S. S. Violett, 11st 0lb (H. Gegg) 3
Sir H. May's Butte, 10st 12lb (Sedgwick) 0
Mr. Norman's Arravand, 10st 10lb (Hickman) 0

Parimutuel: Winner \$0.10.
Placed ponies: 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$7.00; 3rd, \$10.50.
Cash sweeps: Ticket No. 107, \$2,416.4; No. 246, \$600.30; No. 311, \$345.15.

Buttercup led from a bad start. Sevington bringing up the rear. Past the post Buttercup ran second to Gaudy Hop, Arravand following. Buttercup had a lead of about ten lengths past the Goal Stand but Gaudy Hop, forcing away, was three lengths ahead of the Governor's pony at the bottom of the incline.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE "TOSA MARU" ON FIRE.

SINGAPORE TUGS TO THE RESCUE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 21.

While 150 miles off Singapore, bound for Hongkong, the "Tosa Maru" was discovered to be on fire in the hold.

Eleven feet of water was pumped in, but this proving ineffectual, the hold was battened down and signals sent to the "Bohemia," from which a wireless message was sent to Singapore.

Tugs were sent out, and it was found that the fire had been smothered.

The vessel arrived at the dock today.

[The "Tosa Maru" is a steel twin screw steamer of 5,823 tons gross register owned by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Ltd., of Tokyo, which is her port of registry. The vessel was built in 1902 at Moscow, Harland and Wolff's Belfast yard.—Ed.]

THE POSEN TRAGEDY.

COUNT MIELEZYNSKI ON TRIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

The trial has been opened of Count Mielezynski for the murder of his wife and nephew at Castle Dabokoyko, near Graz, on Dec. 19.

The proceedings are held in camera.

A doctor sat beside the accused, who was very dejected.

The Count pleaded guilty to killing his wife and nephew, and in extenuation, said that he had been greatly provoked and had fired on the spur of the moment.

The Tragedy Recalled.

It will be remembered that at the time of the tragedy Reuter telegraphed that Count Mielezynski, who is a member of the Reichstag, on hearing a noise in the night, thought that burglars had entered the castle. He secured a gun and went downstairs, and finding the Countess and his nephew in the former's bedroom, he shot them both dead. The Count then reported the affair to the Public Prosecutor and demanded an investigation.

Another account of the tragedy was to the effect that the nephew was staying with the Mielezynskis and that the Count had been suspicious for some time of the relations existing between his wife and nephew, who was the son of his half sister.

On returning from a party at four o'clock in the morning, the Count noticed that his wife's room was lit up, and hearing a noise therein he went to investigate, taking a sporting gun with him. He found the couple together, and, as stated, shot them dead.

BRITISH ARMY AND AVIATION.

£216,000 in Supplementary Estimate.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The Supplementary Army Estimate includes £216,000 for aviation.

THE NEW BISLEY REGULATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Colonel Seely, the Secretary for War, has agreed to the postponement by the War Office, until 1915, of the requirement that Territorial competitors at Bisley should be brought into harmony with the Army Ministry Regulations.

STRANGE STORY FROM INDIA.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Reuter's Calcutta correspondent telegraphs that "The Englishman" states that on Monday night a large body of raiders crossed the frontier and attacked a blockhouse at Attock Bridge. Armed police fought the raiders for several hours. The raiders retired with a few casualties.

The same body on Tuesday fired on the Sussex Regiment who were engaged in manoeuvres near Peshawar. The result of this attack is not known, but ambulances have gone out from Peshawar and Artillery has been ordered to be in readiness.

A later message from Delhi states that the report of the raid and attack have been greatly exaggerated. Some Britishers fired several shots a few nights ago and retired when the fire was returned. There were no casualties on either side.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WATERLOO CUP FINAL.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

In the Waterloo Cup final, Dilwyn beat Leocory.

The betting was 1 to 2 on the winner.

EXPLOSION IN NOBEL'S SCOTTISH DYNAMITE FACTORY.

Seven Killed; Two Injured.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

An explosion in the Mixing Room has occurred at Messrs. Nobel's dynamite factory at Ardara, near Glasgow.

Seven people were killed and two injured.

Explosion Heard for Forty Miles.

Another telegram announces another death.

The explosion was terrific. It shook the neighbourhood, and was heard for forty miles.

Immediately afterwards, a small magazine blew up.

ILLNESS OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Mr. Lloyd George, who has been suffering from influenza, left his bed to speak in the House of Commons yesterday. Afterwards his condition became so serious that he was compelled to take to his bed again. His temperature is 102.

Mr. Lloyd George is better and has ordered to Walter Heath for the week-end.

PORTUGUESE POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

Banishment of Royalists.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

A telegram from Lisbon states that the Political Offenders' Amnesty Bill authorizes the banishment, for a term not exceeding a decade, of some 20 royalist leaders, including Senhor Azevedo-Gouveia, Captain Paiva Couceiro, and Colonel Bessa.

HUNGARIAN LOAN.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

The Hungarian Loan has been covered.

THE ADDRESS ADOPTED.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

The House of Commons has adopted the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

THE FRENCH LOAN TO GREECE.

FRANCE-GREECE RIGHTS.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Le Matin, in a significant article, says that the "French Loan of £14,000,000 to Greece proves French confidence in the Greek Premier, and his sympathy with the Triple Entente. Germanophile interests at the Athens Court must not imagine that France will consent to play the game. If those interests triumph, French pecuniary assistance will immediately cease.

A MYSTERIOUS BACILLUS.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

A mysterious bacillus, designated the "Gaertner Bacillus," has been found to be responsible for the death of a woman in London, and a number of persons in France, who died after eating seemingly sound and healthy food. It is being argued that the bacillus may have produced many deaths ascribed to pneumonia, arsenical and other poisoning.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR VICE-ADMIRAL BRADLEY MILNE.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Vice-Admiral Sir Berkeley Milne has been appointed Commander at the North.

CUBA'S SUGAR CROP.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

The latest estimate of the Cuban sugar crop is 2,600,000 tons.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

POPULAR BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The polling at Poplar is being conducted amid considerable excitement. Sir Matthew Wilson, the victor at Bethnal Green, is assisting the Unionist candidate.

Result of the Poll.

The poll resulted as follows:—
Yeo (Liberal) 3,548
Clark (Unionist) 3,270
Jones (Labourist) 802

[The result of the last General Election was—Mr. S. Buxton (Liberal) 3,077; Mr. E. Asquith-Bartlett (Unionist) 2,148.—Ed.]

The Bethnal Green Election.

There were scenes of great enthusiasm in the House of Commons when the result was announced.

The Conservative papers are most jubilant, and proclaim that Home Rule is doomed.

The Liberal papers, while disappointed, point out that the Socialist candidate, Mr. Scurr, was a Home Ruler, and, therefore, the result was a victory for Home Rule. The papers state that Sir Thomas Roe, who is 82 years of age, the Liberal member of Derby will resign in order to provide Mr. Masterman with a seat. A later telegram does not confirm this statement.

Sir Matthew Wilson said the victory was due to the people's sympathy with Ulstermen and dissatisfaction with the Insurance Act.

Mr. Masterman, in a speech to his supporters, said his opponents held the seat by a minority vote, adding that there would be another election before eighteen months, when he was confident the present "absurd result" would be reversed.

Mr. Bonar Law wired to Sir Matthew Wilson congratulating him on the victory, saying it could not have come at a better moment.

Mr. Masterman, who is suffering from gastritis, intends to take a long rest.

It is pointed out that it is unnecessary that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (to which office Mr. Masterman was appointed recently) should be a member of the House of Commons.

PANAMA CANAL TOLLS.

Probable Repeal of Exemption Clause.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

A number of prominent Senators and members of the House of Representatives, at the invitation of President Wilson, conferred with the latter at the White House regarding the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption clause. From the views subsequently expressed by them, it appears likely that both Houses will pass a repeal of the clause.

President Wilson told the legislators that he expected the repeal to be accomplished in the present Session.

THE SUGGESTED RUBBER SELLING AGE? CY.

LONDON, Feb. 20.

At a meeting of the Rubber Growers Association in London, Mr. Noel Trotter, who presided, said the suggestion for the establishment of a central selling agency otherwise than by a system of collective bargaining was fraught with such difficulties as would render it commercially impracticable.

At the eighth annual dinner of the Burns Club of Edinburgh in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Robert Burns's birth, Mr. John Buchanan, prospective Unionist candidate for Forth and Balcraig, in proposing the toast of the evening said Burns had summed up for them the old Scots world, not only that part which was vanishing in his day, but that part which he still found flourishing, but which was vanishing now. Another reason for his appeal to Scotsmen was his "dignity." What folk lavished the legend that Scotsmen were cold and calculating? Their history was one long record of devotedness to jobs and impossible causes. A third reason was the extraordinary width and depth of Burns's humanity, his catholic interest in every nook and corner of human nature. Burns spoke not only to Scotland; his audience was all mankind.

BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption are all often contracted when a child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon to do its work and is marvellous. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

SHEWAN TOMES APPEAL.

HEARING CONCLUDED.

The hearing of the Shewan-Tomes appeal case before the Full Court concluded yesterday afternoon. Judgment was reserved, and the President (Sir H. K. Williams) announced that in view of any application which might be made, he would give an intimation on Monday as to how their judgment might go.

SPORTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Regatta promoted by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will be held at the Club house on Saturday, 14th March.

Owing to the interruption of Race week, it has not been possible to fix the programme definitely, but the probable events will be—

THE CHALLENGER CUP.—For four oars. Last year won by Canton R.C. by two feet. Any Amateur Club.

THE NATHAN CUP.—For four oars. Residents of Hongkong. Crew from one unit, or combination of 2.

THE TWO CUPS.—For four oars. Limited to Hong Kong. Crew to be members of R.H.K.Y.C.

OPEN FOURS.—Any amateur crew, competitors in Challenge Cup barred and not more than two in a crew the same as the Nathan Cup.

OPEN CLUB PAIRS.—Any amateur Club. Open Pair—Representatives of any Amateur Club other than those rowing together in Inter Club pairs.

LADIES' DOUBLE SCULLING. NAVAL GIGS AND WHALERS, ETC.

As soon as possible the programme will be definitely decided upon and announced. Crews are now beginning to practice and it is hoped to have a very successful afternoon's sport, the struggle against Canton being certain to be a very keen one.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

THE SERVICES—THE CLUB.

Some very interesting golf should be witnessed in the above match, which falls to be played over Fan Ling on Sunday.

Both sides are strongly represented, the players being as follows:—

THE SERVICES. THE CLUB.
Lieut. Gardner. Mr. J. Clark
Comdr. Waterer. Mr. J. H. T. Mc.
Morriss

Lieut. Bagall. Mr. K. M. Cunningham
Lieut. Col. Tison. Mr. T. S. Forrest
Comdr. Dobbin. Mr. R. O. Hutchinson
Comdr. Boucher. Mr. C. E. B. Bonaville
Lieut. Torrie. Dr. Lindsey Wood
Capt. Turnbull. Mr. G. S. Archbutt
Lieut. Bedwell. Mr. R. J. Grist
Capt. Lindsay. Mr. M. A. Murray

Players are reminded that no times will be reserved for this match on the starting list, and that each player will have to arrange with his opponent as to booking. The match commences on the arrival of the 8.30 train.

Lawn Tennis.

The R. G. A. Sergeant's Sports Club are holding a Gent's Double Tournament on their court at Victoria Barracks, the first round of which resulted:—Staff Sergt. Coy. and Sergt. Smith beat Mr. Nettill and Staff Sergt. Talbot. Q. M. Sergt. Howell and Master-Gunner May beat Sergt. Alkon and Q. M. Sergt. Clerg. Sergt. Cambridge and Conductor Callen beat Sergt. Cuthbert and Mr. Sheppard. Q. M. Sergt. Wall and Coy. Sergt. Major Harris beat Sergt. Quartermaster and Sergt. Major Hurlie. Byes:—Coy. Sergt. Major Bliss and Staff Sergt. Down. Sergt. Smith and Sergt. Pringle. Sergt. Peacock and Sergt. Wilson. Sergt. Trigg, Palmer and Q. M. Sergt. Babbage.

SHANGHAI FOOTBALL CLUB v. THE NAVY. This match was played on the Shanghai Recreation Club's ground on the 14th inst., and resulted in an easy victory for the Football Club by eight goals to two.

Rugby Football.

H.M.S. NEWCASTLE v. SHANGHAI.

H.M.S. Newcastle put up a very sporting game against the Shanghai Rugby Football Club on the 14th inst. The Navy side contained a number of rather inexperienced players, but they were as keen as anything, and although outplayed by Shanghai they made some very good efforts. The final score was twenty points to six, but to a large extent Shanghai had to thank the smart work of their halves, Austin and Crockett, who got the ball away from the scrum much faster than the opposing pair. At the start Shanghai scored heavily, but once the Newcastle men shook themselves together play was much more even.

POLICE INFORMER ASSAULTED.

This morning a police informer told Mr. Hazell that he had been waylaid and assaulted by a prisoner and other members of the gang because he gave information in the case of the seizure of 25,000 literary tickets. Defendant's son, who had been associated with him on a previous occasion had, it was alleged, two suits of clothes torn to shreds by the prisoner.

Inspector Dymond, in asking for a heavy penalty, said that assaults of this kind had been going on for some time.

Prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

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WUCHOW NOTES.

DISTURBED KWANG SAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, February 17.

Information has just come to hand which, if true, seems to indicate that there is a serious rising in the South West of this province of Kwang Sai.

It appears that for some time the French in Annam have been actively engaged in suppressing a local rising which in being directed by a large band of robbers. There has been some serious fighting and it is stated that the French have suffered several losses in officers and men.

The Revolutionary spirit has now, apparently, crossed the border and the whole district is in a ferment.

We hear that the Chinese officials in Lung Chau are sending forward troops without delay. It is hoped that thus the rising will be speedily suppressed before the movement assumes larger proportions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—On glancing at your issue of the 13th instant, I read "Investor's" interesting letter (published therein) on the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, suggesting, or shall I say, appealing to the Directors, to treat the shareholders of the Company fairly in the way of dividends in consideration of the manner they have suffered in this respect in the past and of "the turn of the tide in the Company's affluency."

From the tone of "Investor's" letter, it is obvious that it was written for the benefit of the shareholders, and I have pleasure in endorsing his opinion thereof and at the same time to mention a point on this subject that he did not mention (and which I feel I could not ignore after seeing that the shareholders' dissatisfaction has been brought to the notice of the Directors and has been given publicity).

By observing the profit and loss account for the year ending 1912 and the balance sheet on the 31st December, 1913, one will notice that the company paid to the Bank in the way of interest the sum of \$117,257.41 which amount I presume is included in the item of "Sundry Creditors." \$2,197,588.41.

This enormous overdraft would apparently take a very considerable length of time to discharge. The only assets of the Company at this time were: Value of Kowloon, Commercial and Aberdeen Docks, buildings and plant, including floating plant at 31st December, 1911, with additions thereto during 1912 \$9,845,022.21; sundry debtors \$293,235.10; and material in stock at book value and amount of labour and material only expended on work in progress \$912,291.94. The valuation of the properties and buildings should be valued at a reasonable amount instead of continual depreciation which in my opinion will be much appreciated.

In the last report of the Company it is shown that if the capital of the Company were increased, the Company would be free from all lien on their properties through overdrafts and interest paid thereon.

Now, seeing that the Company's pecuniary affairs are in such a state, why is not the problem of how to remedy this enormous liability, which instead of decreasing is increasing, solved?

Therefore, I do not hesitate to take this opportunity to suggest to the Directors a solution of the problem by calling in fresh capital and issuing new shares, the object of which is to repay the Bank the large sum overdrawn; and I think that for a company of this magnitude, a capital of \$5,000,000.00 would not by any means be too large. This would not in any way be prejudicial to the existing shareholders but would materially benefit the new ones as the earning powers would be great and I am sure that if this plan is adopted by the Directors they would not have the slightest difficulty in achieving it and in fact it would be highly appreciated by the shareholders, from whom they would receive their warmest support.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours truly,

SUGGESTION.

NAVAL SCANDAL IN CEYLON.

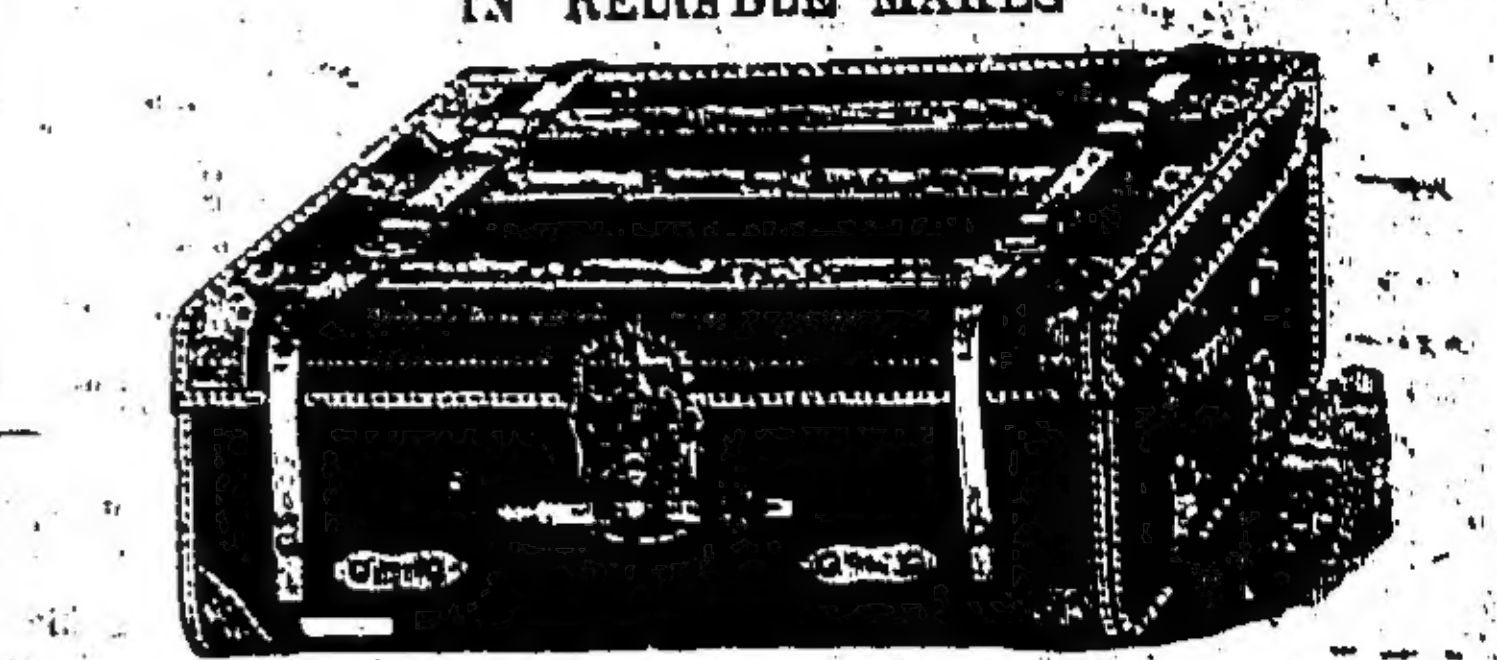
The Times of Ceylon, of January 27, says:—Authentic particulars were available today in connection with the rumour about the past few days that there had been a defection from one of the warships in harbour. A representative of this paper today obtained the most reliable information on the subject. It appears that early this week Fleet Paymaster George H. Coles, of H.M.S. Hampshire, who had served his time on the China Station and had been transferred to the Europa for passage home, was found missing. Local enquiries were made, the police taking the matter up. A clue was discovered by which the paymaster was suspected of having crossed over to India by the Tiffinor mail boat. Working on this premise, it would appear that the police were successful, and two days ago a lieutenant and six marines of the Europa went across to Bouddia, and, according to latest information available, will be returning to Colombo to-morrow morning by the Tiffinor boat with the paymaster.

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